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REPORT

TOPIC Military Information from Kindel

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. [redacted] during the night of 17 April and from 18 to 23 April 1953, troop shipments were detained in Eisenach, Mechterstedt and Saettelstedt. Troops and materiel detained in Eisenach from 20 to 23 April included engineer troops with 1 motor boat and pontoons, infantry with 35 x 120-mm mortars, 60 x 82-mm mortars, 80 x 150-mm mortars, 18 132-mm rocket launchers, 40 prime movers with 38 x 100-mm AT guns, 82 x 57-mm AT guns, 60 T-34 tanks, 2 chassis of T-34 tanks, 60 SU-100 guns [redacted] 2 BA-64 armored scout cars, several armored personnel carriers, [redacted] and trucks.

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2. No more troops were unloaded at the railroad stations of Eisenach and Mechterstedt during the last days of April and during the first days of May. Nor were any more troops arriving at Kindel by road from the south. The troop training grounds was heavily guarded by VP patrols. [redacted] the troops were engaged at present in training at platoon level and in preparing their quarters. Many installations at the camp were obsolete. Motor vehicles seen in traffic from and to the troop training grounds between 26 April and 2 May [redacted]

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Comment. The units unloaded indicate that the majority of the troops belongs to the 57th Gds Ptz Rifle Div and to the 76th Arty Brig [redacted] of the XXIX Gds Ptz Rifle Corps. [redacted]

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